"Precisely," answered Erskine, "and

when?"

"At the first opportunity." is moment I shall be wait-

hing else." reappearing, heard their

and she came forward pale iercing eyes:

"Cousin Erskine, I want to apologize to you for my little faith. I hope you will forgive me. Mr. Grey, your horse will be at the door at once. I wish you a safe journey-to your command." Grey bowed and turned-furl-

Erskine was on the porch when Grey came out to mount his horse. "You will want seconds?" asked

> might try to stop us-no!" Il ride slowly," Grey said. lowed. 1 not."

d he. Within half an hour Barbara, passing through the hall, saw that the rapiers were gone from the wall and she stopped, with the color her face and her hand on her poment Ephraim



her father arry, "and knows noth-Grey knows if

Without a Word Colonel Dale wheeled his tired horse and soon Harry and Hugh dashed after him. Barbara walked back to the house, wringing her hands, but on the porch she sat quietly in the agony of waiting that was the role of women in those days.

ing about a rapler.

Meanwhile, at a swift gallop Firefly was skimming along the river road. Grey had kept his word and more: he had not only ridden slowly but he had stopped and was waiting at an oak tree that was a cornerstone between two plantations.

"That I may not kill you on your own land," he said.

bine started. "The consideration "han you know."

d their horses, and Ersl into a pleasant gladetade through which murtle stream, Erskine dropped

the rap. s on the sward. "Take your choice," he said.

"There is none," said Grey, picking up the one nearer to him. "I know them both." Grey took off his coat while Erskine waited. Grey tridde the usual moves of courtesy and still Erskine waited, wonderingly, with the point of the rapier on the ground.

"When you are ready," he said, "will you please let me know?"

"Ready!" answered Grey, and he lunged forward. Erskine merely whipped at his blade so that the clang of it whined on the air to the breaking-point and sprang backward. He was as quick as an eyelash and lithe as a panther, and yet Grey almost laughed aloud. All Erskine did was to whip the thrusting blade aside and leap out of danger like a flash of light.

n inexpert boxer flailto rules unknownce flamed and actually s. Then, as a kindly ave it. Erskine's blade ey's guard by accident, ful wrist behind it seeko wrench the weapon

orey's rapier from his grasp and hurled it ten feet away. There is no greater humiliation for the expert swordsman, and not for nothing had Erskine suffered the shame of that long-ago day when a primitive instinct had led him to thrusting his knife into this same enemy's breast. Now, with his sword's point on the earth, he walted courteously for Grey to recover his weapon.

Again a kindly fate intervened, Even as Grey rushed for his sword, Erskine heard the beat of horses' hoofs. As he snatched it from the ground and turned, with a wicked smile over his grinding teeth, came Harry's shout, and as he rushed for Erskine, Colonel Dale swung from his shame, and, without a word, she horse. The sword-blades clashed, Erskine whipping back and forth in a way to make a swordsman groan-and Dale looked aghast and Erskine's Colonel Dale had Erskine by the wrist heart again turned sick.

and was between them. "How dare you, sir?" cried Grey Aotly.

"Just a moment, young gentleman," said Colonel Dale calmly.

"Let us alone, Uncle Harry-I-"

think it quite fair that you with your skill should fight a man who knows nothing about foils?"

"There was no other way," Grey said sullenly. "And you could not wait, I pre

sume?" Grey did not answer. "Now, hear what I have to say, and if you both do not agree, the matter will be arranged to your entire satisfaction, Mr. Grey. I have but one question to ask. Your country is at war. She needs every man for her defense. Do you not think your lives

belong to your country and that it is selfish and unpatriotic just now to risk them in any other cause?" He waited for his meaning to sink in, and sink it did.

"Colonel Dale, your nephew grossly insulted me, and your daughter showed me the door. I made no defense to him nor to her, but I will to you. I merely repeated what I had been told and I believed it true. Now that I hear it is not true, I agree with you, sir, and I am willing to express my regrets and apologies."

"That is better," said Colonel Dale heartily, and he turned to Erskine, but Erskine was crying hotly:

"And I express neither,"

"Very well," sneered Grey coldly, Perhaps we may meet when your relatives are not present to protect you." "Uncle Harry-" Erskine implored. but Grey was turning toward his horse.

"After all, Colonel Dale is right." "Yes," assented Erskine helplessly and then-"it is possible that we shall not always be on the same side."

"So I thought," returned Grey with lifted eyebrows, "when I heard what !



The Sword-Blades Clashed, Erskine Whipping Back and Forth in a Way to Make a Swordsman Groan.

did about you!" Both Harry and Hugh had to catch Erskine by an arm then, and they led him struggling away. Grey mounted his horse, lifted his hat, and was gone. Colonel Dale picked up the swords.

"Now," he said, "enough of all this-let it be forgotten."

And he laughed.

You'll have to confess, Erskinehe has a quick tongue and you must think only of his temptation to use it." Erskine dld not answer.

As they rode back Colonel Date spoke of the war. It was about to move into Virginia, he said, and when it did- Both Harry and Hugh interrupted him with a glad shout:

"We can go!" Colonel Dale nodded

Suddenly all pulled their horses in simultaneously and raised their eyes, for all heard the coming of a horse in a dead run. Around a thicketed curve of the road came Barbara, with her face white and her hair streaming behind her. She pulled her pony in but a few feet in front of them, with her burning eyes on Erskine alone.

"Have you killed him-have you killed him? If you have-" She stopped helpless, and all were so amazed that none could answer. Erskine shook his head. There was a flash of relief in the girl's white face, its recklessness gave way to sudden wheeled and was away again-Harry flying after her. No one spoke. Colonel

CHAPTER XII

The sun was close to the uneven sweep of the wilderness. Through its slanting rays the river poured like a "Just a moment," repeated the flood of gold. The negroes were on colonel sternly. "Mr. Grey, do you the way singing from the fields. Cries, was there at the time yes mention."

uddered mothers were mooing answers to bawling calves. A peacock screamed from a distant tree and sailed forth fulkspread-a great gleaming winged jewel of the air. In crises the nerves tighten like violin strings, the memoryplates turn abnormally sensitive-and Erskine was not to forget that hour,

The house was still and not a soul was in sight as the three, still silent, walked up the great path. When they were near the portleo Harry came out He looked worried and anxious. "Where's Barbara?" asked her

father. "Locked in her room."

"Let her alone," said Colonel Dale gently. Like brother and cousin, Harry and Hugh were merely irritated by the late revelation, but the father was shocked that his child was no longer a child. Erskine remembered the girl as she waited for Grey's coming at the sundial, her face as she walked with him up the path. For a momen the two boys stood in moody silence. Harry took the rapiers in and put them in their place on the wall. Hugh quietly disappeared. Erskine, with a word of apology, went to his room, and Colonel Dale sat down on the porch alone.

As the dusk gathered, Erskine, looking gloomily through his window, saw the girl flutter like a white moth past the box-hedge and down the path. A moment later he saw the tall form of Colonel Dale follow her-and both passed from sight. On the thick less, and when Barbara stopped at the sundial he too paused. She was announced at Mexico City, Mexico. unhappy, and the colonel's heart ached ways trebled his own.

lover's voice could have been more gentle, "Come here!"

She turned and saw him, with arms outstretched, the low moon lighting all the tenderness in his fine old face, and she flew to him and fell to weeping on his breast. In wise stience he stroked her halr until she grew a little calmer.

"What's the matter, little daugh-

"I-I-don't know."

"I understand, You were quite right to send him away, but you did not want him harmed.' "I-I-didn't want anybody harmed."

"I know. It's too bad, but none of us seem quite to trust him." "That's it," she sobbed; "I don't, either, and yet-"

"I know, I know, My little girl must be wise and brave, and maybe it will all pass and she will be glad. Rut she must be brave. Mother is not well and she must not be made unhappy too. She must not know. Can't my little girl come back to the house now? She must be hostess and this is Erskine's last night." She looked up, brushing away her tears.

"His last night?" Ah, wise old colone.1!

"Yes-he goes tomorrow to join Captain Clark at Williamsburg on his foolish campaign in the Northwest. We might never see him again:" "Oh, father!"

"Well, it isn't that bad, but my little girl must be very nice to him. He seems to be very unhappy, too,"

Barbara looked thoughtful, but there was no pretense of not understanding.

"I'm sorry," she said. She took quisite dignity in her mother's place, Of Erskine, who sat at her right, she asked many questions about the coming campaign. Captain Clark had said point would be the fort in Kentucky mother country. where he had first come back to his own people, and Da, a Yandell would be captain of a company. He himself was going as guide, though he hoped Buyer, General Hamilton, a prisoner to Williamsburg, and then he would Harding. join Harry and Hugh in the militia of the war came south and Virginia were invaded, as some prophesied, by Tarleton's White Rangers, who had been ravaging the Carolinas. After supper the little lady excused herself with a smiling courtesy to go to her mother, and Erskine found himself in the moonlight on the big portico with Colonel Dale alone.

"Erskine," he said, "you make it very difficult for me to keep your secret. Hugh alone seems to suspect -he must have got the idea from Grey, but I have warned him to say nothing. The others seem not to have thought of the matter at all. It was a boyish impulse of generosity which you may regret-"

"Never," interrupted the boy. have no use-less than ever now."

"Nevertheless," the colonel went on, "I regard myself as merely your steward, and I must tell you one thing. Mr. Jefferson, as you know, is always at open war with people like us. His hand is against coach and four, sliver plate, and aristocrat. He is fighting veto. now against the law that gives property to the eldest son, and he will pass the bill. His argument is rather amusing. He says if you will show him that the eldest son eats more, wears more, and does more work than his brothers, he will grant that that son is entitled to more. He wants to blot out all distinctions of class. He can't do that, but he will pass this bill."

"I hope he will," muttered Erskine, (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Probably Had.

He-"Haven't I seen you somewhere some time?" She--'Oh, very likely. I

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING WEEK THROUGHOUT COUN-TRY AND ABROAD

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Sathered From All Parts Of The Globe And Told In Short Paragrapha

Foreign-

Although many days have passed ince fire obliterated Smyrna, 75,000 survivors remain exposed on the quay, destitute, distracted and abandoned No allied vessel has offered to salvago this last wreckage of human life,

A dispatch from Smyrna says that Dr. Wilfred Post of New York, medical director of the near east relief, has urged the Turks to bury their dead, in order to prevent pestilence. He has also appealed to them o vaccinate every one in order to guard against cholera and smallpox.

The house of Hohenzollern has formally given consent to the marriage of ex-Emperor Wilhelm to the windowed Princess Hermine von Schoenaich-Car olath, which will probably be solemniz ed in November

Fourteen persons were killed and 17 injured, two of them Americans, in turf the colonel's feet too were noise- the wreck of a northbound passenger train at Empalma Gonzales, it was

The Dublin correspondent of The sorely, for any unhappiness of hers al- Belfast Telegraph asserts that negotiations are proceeding Eamonn de "Little girl!" he called, and no Valera, the republican leader who is in Dublin, and the provisional government.

> Greeks are reported to be massacre ing Turks in Thrace in retaliation for the alleged atrocities in Smyrna.

The attitude of Foreign Minister Schenzer in opposition to any military expedition to Turkey, with the idea of supposedly defending the freedom of the state thereby, has been confirmed at a meeting of the Italian cabinet.

Barter replacing the use of money in various parts of Germany as a result of the serious depreciation of the

The Sussex regiment is reported to have left Londonderry, Ireland, with its destination, it is understood, the near east. An advance party of the North Staffordshire regiment, the other battalion of which is at Constantinople, traveled by the same steamer.

during the recent typhoon, has been established as the Kiso Maru, owned by the Tokio Steamship company, Turkish nationalist forces hayeseiz-

ed the town of Ez-Inc. on the Asiatic unde side of the Dardangues, and are now lice. threatening Kum Kalesi, an important key position to the southern side of the straits. The Kemalists were nowhere opposed.

According to dispatches from London, although it is conceded France is in favor of moral persuasion anent the Turkish situation, all eyes of the allied nations are turned toward Con-

Dispatches show that the Turks continue to concentrate at Ismid. Great Britain is understood to have called her father's arm, and when they upon Jugo-Slavia and Roumania, as reached the steps Erskine saw her well as her own dominions, for aid, in smiling. And ismiling, almost gay, preventing an attack upon Constantino-

It is announced in Toronto that Canada is prepared upon a week's notice loss of approximately \$105,000, to send a prepared air fleet of five thousand men to operate around Con- the Krueger brothers, Bert and Harhe would go with a hundred men if stantinople in case it becomes neces. old, who have just reached their home he could get no more. The rallying sary or if called upon to do so by the at Stuart, Fla., of their attempt to

Washington-

An emergency appropriation of III., admitted it was her ninth divorce. to act as soldier as well. Perhap. \$200,000 for relief of American refutchey might bring back the Hair- get in the Near East was recom- the People's bank of Bownian, S. C., \$200,000 for relief of American refuto the senate by President mendea

> President Harding has signed the ing laws. tariff bill of 1922, making the new rate effective at once.

President Harding has issued a proclamation designating Monday, Oc- Hill, S. C.; it was learned. tober 9, as national fire prevention day. The fire waste in the United doclares, reaches appalling figures.

Uniformity of action was demanded of the field officers of the veterans' bureau by Director Forbes in an address to the conference of officials of the fourteen regions district, meeting in Washington to discuss closer co-operation in the work on behalf of former service men.

President Harding vetoed the soldiers bonus bill, informing congress in a written message that while he was in accord with "the avowed purpose" of the measure he did not subscribe to its provisions. It is the concensus of those "in the know" that the house will override the veto and the senate will sustain it. It takes two-thirds of both bouses to override a presidential

A constitutional amendment giving congress power to regulate child labor in the various states has been proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Graham (Rep.) of Ilinois.

The Cable bill, designed to equalize naturalization and citizenship rights of women with those of men has been approved by the president. Under its provisions an American woman will not band.

ing followed with much interest in Washington because of indications that the Russian groups, dominated by Joffe and his Moscow associates, are making every effort to obtain full political recosnition of the Soviet government by Japan. These attempts seem to have failed at every point.

The new rates of the tariff of 1922 imports. The law, marking a new phase in the history of American tariff and making in its provisions a delegation to the president of broad powers under the elastic rate provisions, went into effect at midnight, Septem-

Declaring that the "transportation outlook is ominous," the National Lumber Manufacturers' association announced that scarcity of cars and slowness of forwarding those which have been loaded had cut lumber shipments in the week ending September 16 to "only 82 per cent of the production." Shipments that week were only 17,000,-000 feet greater than in the corresponding week of 1921, although production was 73,000,000 feet greater, the statement declared, and added.

Domestic-

A stick of powder, 20 inches long was exploded in the Burlington railroad roundhouse at Aurora, Ill. Windows were blown out and the report was so loud it could be heard for miles, yet not one of the twenty men at work was hurt and no equipment was damaged. A second stick of the powder which had not been exploded later was found in the roundhouse by a railroad special agent.

Bituminous coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers will meet at Cleveland, Ohio, October 2, to open negotiations for a 1923 wage

As the result of foreign ships racing to American ports in the past few days in an effort to beat the signing of the new tariff bill, Boston warehouses are now jammed with wool. The amount now in bond here is estimated at 65,-000,000 to 70,000,000 pounds.

Dr. Arthur D. Jaques, who examined the body of Miss Edith Lavoy, Freeport school teacher, after she had been shot, declared at the trial of William M. Creasy of Fort Thomas, Ky., charged with the murder, that the wound was not self-inflicted. Creasey claimed, upon his arrest, that Miss Lavoy shot herself.

When a corpse sat up in stretcher The identity of the stormer whose 8. and argued with an embalmer he was O. S. signals were picked up by the taken into court and Chicago and fined steamer "Hoffron" in the China sea for disorderly conduct. Joseph Ropp, 23, was found lying on the railroad tracks and jurned over to the undertakers in the beijef that he was dead. When he came to life, however, the undertaker turned him over to the po-

> pay. He works in a mine at Rockwood, Pa. He drew \$291.45 for two weeks' work. He worked only eight hourds each day. He turned out more than 250 tons of coal with a pick in twelve days. Two men and one woman were ar-

ested and held in connection with the investigation into the theft of registerd mail variously valued at from \$56,-000 to \$100,000, from an express and baggage room at Trinidad, Colo., union depot, on May 1st, last.

The fire which recently destroyed wo business houses and ings at New Orleans, La., caused a

Harrowing accounts were given by fly the Bluebird, from New York to Florida.

Mrs. Cora Lilley, who was divorced from Albert A. Lilley, East St. Louis,

was convicted at Orangeburg, S. C., by a jury of violating the state bank-

A United States naval balloon which, its officers reported, was fired upon near Monroe, N C., landed near Rock

Miss Evelyn Calman, Delpere, Wis., a teacher in the Racine public schools, States, year after year, the president died as the result of an accidental blow delivered with a golf stick by Allan Simpson, assistant district attorney of this county, who was demonstrating the science of driving a golf ball on a lawn.

Henry Ford's industrial strike has ended. The great automobile plants in Detroit employing upward of 70,000 men, which were recently closed for an indefinite period due to the coal situation, as the manufacturer's protest against what he termed "excessive coal prices," are again the scenes of industrial activity.

The Capper-Fincher bill, providing for regulation of trading in futures on grain markets has been signed by the president. It becomes effective on November first.

Return of striking shopmen at the Coster shops of the Southern railway, at Knoxville, Tenn., was marked by the worst outbreak of the strike period, when non-union workmen were driven off, it is alleged, in a free-for-all battle in which 14 men received minor injurios.

Senator Bursum (Republicant of New Mexico) has introduced into the senlose her United States citizenship on ate another bonus measure, defined in marriage to an alien, and an alien its title as the "veterans' refund and woman will be required to qualify for adjusted compensation act." No pronaturalization independent of her hus- vision is made for financing the bo-

Rheumatism and Dyspepsia Are Soon **Ended**

Victims of stomach trouble and rheumatism often find that when their stomach is set in order, the rheumatism disappears. Thousands of people everywhere have testified that Tanlac has freed them of both trouble's simulnow apply on the flow of American | faheousis. Mr. Robert Trotter, 148 State St., St. Paul, Minn., says!

"About a year ago I began to go down hill. Sour stomach and rheumatism in my arms and shoulders kept me in misery all the time. Since taking Tanlac all my aches and pains have gone, and my stomach is in fine shape. I'm glad to endorse such a fine medicine."

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Gustaf and Wilhelm Dyresen, twin brothers, were born in Sweden on March 26, 1850. They entered the Naval academy when of age together and ever since have been running neck and neck for naval honors. Each has held nearly every important post in the Swedish navy. They are now vice admirals and have only one more rung in the ladder to climb before reaching the grade of admiral.

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and pladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be

nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bludder disease. If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble. Don't delay starting treatment. Dr.

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mediately from any drug store.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten control to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Advertisement.

Sweet Young Gardener.

Numbered among my acquaintances s a very sweet young woman who, like many other maidens, during this year became obsessed with the desire to have a little garden of her own, and being like most young women, very fond of pickles, she tripped gayly one day into a store where they sold garden and flower seeds and wanted to know if they kept any pickle seed.

Mike Rancher is gloating over his Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, please take hole. Washington Star

SHE DYED A SWEATER. SKIRT AND CHILD'S COAT WITH "DIAMOND DYES"

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Tiny Township Has Mighty Thirst.

Rumuruti, a tiny township in Kenya colony, in East Africa, claims the distinglion of being the thirstlest town in the empire, according to the London Times' correspondent at Nairotsi, There are ten adult Europeans in the settlement, which has now four liquor licenses and is planning to have a hotel.

Watch Cuticura Improve Your Skin. On rising and retiring gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off Cintment in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. It is wonderful what Cuticura will do for poor complexions, dandruff, itching , and red rough bands .- Advertisement,

English Daily for Jerusalem. Jerusalem soon is to have a daily newspaper published in English. It will be owned and edited by an American woman, Mrs. Gatting of New York, who has spent several months in Palestine studying local conditions. Mrs. Gatling has paid \$250,000 for a building to be used for her venture. The presses and other mechanical equipment for the paper are now on their way out from the United States.

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Wichita Women Like Hats. Women of Wichlita, Kan., buy an average of eight to ten hats a year, as revealed by a canvass of the millinery shops in that city.

We must all pay for experiences;

